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In re Application of: Kenzo TAKAHASHI, et al. )  
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 Application No.: NEW ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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 Filed: December 15, 2005 )) Examiner: Unassigned  
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 For: ULTRAFINE GROUND TEA DISPERSION, AND FOOD OR BEVERAGE  
 CONTAINING THE SAME

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

An International Search Report (ISR) dated September 14, 2005 is attached together with a copy of each document listed on the PTO Form 1449 that is not a U.S. patent or U.S. patent publication.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. As for any document listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 that is in a language other than English, relevance can be understood from an enclosed English abstract or at least partial translation or from mention in the specification or in a search report for a corresponding application.

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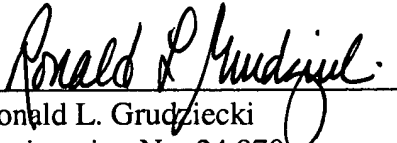
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